

As a subscriber of both XM and Sirius satellite radio, I am writing to urge you not to support the pending merger of XM and Sirius. I believe the merger will reduce choices for consumers like me. This merger will inevitably cost jobs and give the resulting company a monopoly, creating fewer choices for the consumer rather than more. I fail to see how having one less company to choose from will give greater choice.

The combined company will not care about the concerns of single consumers and will only cater to their own interests. XM has even chosen to suspend its single most lucrative and popular hosts following “controversial” comments. Whatever one’s opinion of the comments might be, let’s not forget that nothing said broke FCC rules and that XM is a subscription service similar to HBO, where controversial subject matter is routinely aired.

I urge the FCC to do something in the interest of the consumer by disallowing the further mergers of these giant communication/media companies, since fewer corporations allow for fewer points of view, more money spent by the consumer, and less diversity in the community.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

Nathan Floyd